

## Abstract

This invention provides an apparatus and method for assembling first and second mold  
parts having contact lens forming surfaces, wherein said first mold part has a reaction  
5 mixture on said contact lens forming surface, said apparatus comprising movement  
preventing means which prevents said first mold part from moving while said second mold  
part is controllably moved from a first position wherein said second mold part is not in  
contact with said reaction mixture on said first mold part to a position wherein the  
majority of said contact lens forming surface of said second mold part has been wetted by  
10 said reaction mixture on said first mold part.